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### ***Massachusetts National Guard Continues Reimbursing Soldiers***

MILFORD, Mass. -- The Massachusetts National Guard filed a report with the United States District Court in Boston today, outlining its continued progress in reimbursing soldiers due additional compensation as a result of force protection missions in the commonwealth.

In the report, the National Guard informed Judge Richard Stearns that an additional 70 soldiers, who are due some payment for out-of-pocket expenses incurred during their activation, received disbursements through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Cleveland, Ohio.

The average amount paid to each of the 70 soldiers was approximately \$1,100. These payments are in addition to the Basic Allowance for Housing and Basic Allowance for Subsistence, ranging from \$18,000 to \$24,000 per year, each soldier had already received with his or her original pay. The total number of soldiers receiving these disbursements is now 126, but further disbursements are being made on an ongoing basis.

The payments were based on the Joint Federal Travel Regulation, which defines per diem rates based on the type of duty performed. Some soldiers were compensated appropriately from the start and did not receive any additional payment.

"So far, the additional compensation due each soldier appears to be far less than the \$27,000 the plaintiffs' attorney estimated," said Maj. Anthony Sciaraffa, an attorney for the Massachusetts National Guard. "We don't know how that estimate was made, but it's unfortunate it may have created false expectations in the minds of some soldiers. The important thing, however, is that our soldiers are receiving any additional funds they are due under the Joint Federal Travel Regulation."

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